The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has made two key appointments to the staff at Lambeth Palace.

Next week the Revd Canon Dr Flora Winfield will take up the new role of Special Representative to the Commonwealth, which has been created ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in April 2018.

Meanwhile Rosemary Nuamah Williams will join Lambeth Palace as Social and Public Affairs Adviser in November.

Welcoming Flora’s appointment, the Archbishop said: “Given the historic links and shared values between the Anglican Communion and the Commonwealth, I am delighted that Flora will be using her extensive experience and skills to ensure proper representation between the Archbishop of Canterbury’s office and the Commonwealth in the run-up to and during the Head of Government meeting.”

Welcoming Rosemary’s appointment, the Archbishop said: “This is a time when our nation and our Parliament face extraordinarily complex challenges and opportunities, as we seek to discern how to live out our best and deepest values in the context of dramatic change. I’m delighted that Rosemary will be joining the team at Lambeth Palace, and using her experience to inform how we come alongside and work with those in the public and political sphere.”

Flora joins Lambeth Palace from the Anglican Communion Office, where she was the Anglican Communion Representative to the United Nations Institutions in Geneva. She formerly served as the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Secretary for Anglican Relations, as the Secretary for International Affairs at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and as Assistant Secretary General of Religions for Peace. Flora is a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral.

Rosemary joins Lambeth Palace having spent nearly twenty years working on policy and advocacy, in the UK and internationally. She has previously served as Policy Adviser and Speechwriter to two heads of the United Nations Development Programme based in New York, and as Senior Policy Analyst for a group of global leaders, The Elders. She has also held other roles, including as Ministerial Speechwriter at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and as a policy officer working with Parliament and Government Departments. Most recently Rosemary has advised organisations working on global health, global education and philanthropy as an international policy consultant and career coach.